

**SPOTLIGHT**  
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**on  
books for young adults**

**No. 6**

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**African firebrand; Kenyatta of Kenya**

Jules Archer

A tribal boy, educated in Europe, returns to fight for the freedom and unity of his people. NF

**Coming of age in Mississippi Anne Moody**

Living in two-room shacks in rural Mississippi and forced into menial jobs for little pay, Anne Moody learned at an early age the degradation of being a Negro. NF

**Eisenhower, American hero Kenneth S. Davis**

Through years of glory as soldier and statesman, Ike embodied the values learned in his Kansas boyhood. NF

**Here is France Claire H. Bishop**

Strengthened by centuries of leadership in politics and the arts, France looks ahead to the changes of a new technological age. NF

**I told you so! A life of H.G. Wells**

James P. Wood

Decades before they became reality, this visionary writer predicted submarine warfare, the atom bomb, and men on the moon. NF

**Lenin: the man who made a revolution**

Israel E. Levine

Throughout poverty-stricken years of exile in Siberia, Switzerland, and England, Lenin developed his concept of the Communist state which was to revolutionize the twentieth century. NF



Ned Glattauer's jacket painting for  
*Robert F. Kennedy* by Henry A. Zeiger.  
(Meredith)

## A redhead in Red Square      Debbie Sherwood

Her Moscow hotel looked like the home of Ivan the Terrible and her NYU Russian was limited, but Debbie was determined to have fun on her Russian holiday. NF

His short but explosive career inspired young people to take political action. NF

## HAUNTED HEROINES

Haunted by vague memories of death, Maggie believed the only hope of regaining her sanity lay in returning to Medford, her childhood home. F

## Ammie, come home

## Barbara Michaels

It was Sara who lived and spoke, but the voice and the anguish were those of Amanda who had died two hundred years ago. F

At Bellwood, a secluded estate on the desolate Maine coast, Caroline trades her unfortunate past for an uncertain future. F

# The Camelot caper

## Elizabeth Peters

In and out of cathedrals, village pubs, and ancient castles, Jessica is pursued by a sinister follower determined, at any price, to get her dead father's ring. F

## The place of sapphires Florence E. Randall

Gabrielle lives in a room once occupied by the dead Alarice. But is Alarice really dead? F

## The winter people Phyllis A. Whitney

Dina was so in love with her handsome, mysterious husband that she did not see danger until it was almost too late. F

## IN RHYME

## Hold fast to dreams      Arna W. Bontemps, comp.

There are poems that just can't be forgotten.  
NF

**Some haystacks don't even have any needle**

**Stephen Dunning, comp.**

Poetry for the "wild, zany, tense, tender, stark, violent" now. **NF**

## **IT'S A GOOD STORY**

**Another way of dying** Arthur L.B. Thompson

The Sicilian bandits kidnapped Neal Forrester for ransom, then discovered Neal was a demolitions expert. **F**

**By the pricking of my thumbs** Agatha Christie

Was there any connection between the painting of the Canal House and the story of a dead child walled up behind a fireplace? **F**

**Girl in the middle** Bianca Bradbury

Kathie and Dave were going steady until their fathers ran against each other for First Selectman. **F**

**The last doorbell** Joseph Harrington

Detectives Frank Kerrigan and Jane Boardman had only one lead to the eleven-year-old kidnapping case: an envelope from the Cherie Fondant Company. **F**

**The Lord Mayor's show** Vian Smith

A handsome but temperamental steeplechaser, The Lord Mayor had brought only misfortune to the Duncans; but fourteen-year-old Andy determined to change that. **F**

**Mystery in Marrakech** Betty Cavanna

After drinking tea in the dimly lit Moroccan shop, Dizzy Driscoll fainted — and woke to find that Felicia was gone. **F**

**Operation Destruct** Christopher Nicole

A routine intelligence investigation into the wreck of a Russian trawler turns into a madcap chase across England as Jonathan Anders' first mission almost becomes his last. **F**

**A spark of joy** Barbara Schoen

After six months of marriage Ellen wonders if being a good wife means she can never follow her own creative impulses. **F**



Jacket illustration by Joseph Cellini for  
*Mystery in Marrakech* by Betty Cavanna.  
(Morrow)

**The vagabundos**

**Frank Bonham**

Trading his motorcycle for a sailing canoe,  
Eric Hansen sets out to find his father who is  
missing somewhere along the Baja California  
coast. F

**ROCK!**

**The Beatles book**

**Edward E. Davis, ed.**

Are the Beatles "Functional Art"? Or do they  
"commit non-music"? Fourteen critics and  
commentators air their views. NF

**Outlaw blues; a book of rock music**

**Paul Williams**

"I see rock as a means of expression, an  
opportunity for beauty, an art," says this young  
critic whose career began in Boston. NF

**Play and create pop and rock**                    **Win Stormen**

If you want to join a band or organize one, if  
you think you can write songs, this book can help  
you.    NF

**The poetry of rock**                            **Richard Goldstein**

"...some of the best poetry of our time may  
well be contained within these slurred couplets."  
    NF

**Rock and other four letter words**                    **J. Marks**

In their own words and lyrics rock personali-  
ties express the moods and thoughts of the elec-  
tric generation.    NF

**The rock revolution**                            **Arnold Shaw**

From rockabilly to psychedelic rock and soul,  
here are the groups, the songs, and the techniques  
that make today's music.                                    NF

## SPECULATIVE FICTION

**The Andromeda strain**                            **Michael Crichton**

Deadly bacteria, accidentally released from a  
returning space capsule, kill everyone in a small  
Arizona town except a senile old man and a  
baby.    F

**Captive universe**                            **Harry Harrison**

Omeyocan's curse had sealed Quilapa village  
into the valley and only Chimal dared defy the  
gods to learn what lay on the other side of the  
mountains.    F

**The day of the drones**                            **Alice M. Lightner**

Five hundred years after the Disaster, five  
people venture into the radioactive wastelands to  
learn if another civilization has survived on earth.  
    F

**Dimension A**                                    **Leslie P. Davies**

As the Torparians and the Vorteds plan to in-  
vade Earth, only two teen-aged boys, weak and  
weaponless, remain to save civilization.                    F

**Small changes**                                    **Harry C. Stubbs**

Two spacemen are blinded by moondust in a  
lunar crater; a fleeing criminal seeks a hideaway  
in outer space.    F

**The space merchants**

**Frederik Pohl**

Hounded by the Consies and a rival firm, Mitch Courtenay, star-class copysmith for the Fowler Schocken advertising agency, must convince Earth Consumers to migrate to arid, hostile Venus.

F

**Uncharted stars**

**Alice M. Norton**

Spacing from Lorgal, Eet and Jern search for the star map which holds the time-locked secret of the zero stone and Eet's fate.

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**STRICTLY PERSONAL**

**Better than the birds; smarter than the bees**

**Helen J. Burn**

Doctors, psychologists, educators, and clergymen give frank answers to teenagers' questions on sex and growing up.

NF

**A girl's guide to dating and going steady**

**Tom McGinnis**

What does "growing up" really mean? Do you want to go steady? When are you ready for marriage? An expert helps you find the right answers.

NF

**To teens with love**

**Helen Bottel**

How to practice poise and develop a high Maturity Quotient.

NF

**Travel tips for teen-agers**

**Sheila J. Daly**

Traveling can be fun when you know the etiquette of staying in hotels, how to cope with foreign foods, and how to get around on a budget.

NF

**SPORTS AND HOBBIES**

**Food is more than cooking**

**Jean Anderson**

Can you whip up a quick and tasty midnight snack or plan a hearty barbecue? An expert tells you how to plan parties and prepare the food teenagers enjoy.

NF



Illustration by Lee deGroot for Jean Anderson's  
*Food is more than cooking.*  
(Westminster)

**The greatest Yankees of them all** Ray Robinson  
This hypothetical lineup of an all-time great Yankee team includes Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, and Yogi Berra among many others. NF

**The guitar songbook** Frederick Noad  
Traditional folk songs from many lands are arranged especially for the guitarist. NF

**How to paint with water colors** Arthur Zaidenberg  
You may never become a great artist, but you can get a great deal of pleasure painting in this popular medium. NF

**Model satellites and spacecraft** Frank Ross  
From simple materials such as aluminum foil, pipe cleaners, and construction paper, you can build a model orbiting solar observatory or an interplanetary monitoring platform. NF

**My 60 memorable games** Bobby Fischer  
A champion chess player discusses the strategy and tactics of his most outstanding games. NF

**The nothing special** John Tomerlin

When three boys love racing but can't afford to buy a car, what else can they do but build their own? F

**Something to sing about** Milt Okun, comp.

Whether you play the guitar or sing along with the group, here are the favorite songs of America's top folk singers. NF

**Young hockey champions** Andy O'Brien

In the rough, tough game of professional hockey, teenagers such as Bobby Orr and Gordie Howe have become regular players and even superstars. NF

## DAYS BEFORE YESTERDAY

**Black heroes in our nation's history**

Phillip T. Drotning

They crossed the Rio Grande with Cortes and fought at Bunker Hill; they chased Geronimo and repelled the Nazi attack in the Battle of the Bulge. NF

**D-day; the greatest invasion** Army Times

Planned on a stupendous scale, camouflaged by an elaborate series of deceptions, Operation Overlord ended Adolf Hitler's dream of a "thousand-year Reich." NF

**The French and Indian War** Donald B. Chidsey

Two major European powers, the English colonists, and the Indians fought a new kind of war for the control of a continent. NF

**The glass phoenix** Mary S. Clarke

Ben Tate, a lowly mixer at the glass works, was the only person who knew the whereabouts of the secret formula for precious golden-ruby glass. F

**A kind of secret weapon** Elliott Arnold

With his country under German occupation, twelve-year-old Peter Anderson learns that words can sometimes win battles as effectively as guns. F

**The Triton brig****Dudley Pope**

Resourceful Lieutenant Lord Ramage is ordered on an urgent mission to the West Indies, commanding the brig *Triton* whose crew has just mutineed.

F

**The warrior pharaohs****Leonard Cottrell**

Leaders such as Hor-Aho, the Fighting Hawk, and Tuthmosis III, the Napoleon of ancient Egypt, created and ruled the mighty Egyptian Empire for twenty centuries.

NF

**TROUBLED TEENS****Claudia, where are you?****Hila Colman**

Completely disgusted with suburban Stony Point and her affluent parents, sixteen-year-old Claudia runs away to the East Village.

F

**Escape from nowhere****Jeanette Eyerly**

Loneliness and problems at home lead Carla to Dexter and to pot as an escape.

F

**In any spring****Jean Fiedler**

For a few brief months Laura's love for Kapur blinds her to the barriers that stand in the way of their marriage.

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**Our cup is broken****Florence C. Means**

After living in a white community for eight years, Sarah attempts to return to her old home and become a Hopi again.

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**The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou****Kristin Hunter**

At the first dance in their teen center, South-side young people run into serious trouble with the police.

F

**They never came home****Lois Duncan**

Until she found his money and his favorite clothes missing, Joan believed that her brother had drowned on a camping trip.

F

**Tuned out****Maia Wojciechowska**

Kevin came home from college a different person. How different Jim didn't realize until Kevin introduced him to the world of marijuana and LSD.

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## SCIENCE-CENTERED

The infinite voyage; man's future in space

Paul Anderson

What can man the adventurer expect to accomplish in space? NF

Internal-combustion engines Ross Olney

In less than a century internal combustion engines have powered automobiles, ships, trains, and airplanes and have revolutionized the ways we travel. NF

The new age of exploration Fred Warshofsky

The computer, the atom, and the laser — these three tools are already shaping the new world of the twenty-first century. NF

New parts for people Nancy Rosenberg

The centuries-old dream of spare parts for people is coming true as doctors perfect techniques for eye, kidney, and heart transplants. NF



Illustration by Lou Myers for  
*Puzzles, patterns, and pastimes from the world  
of mathematics* by Charles F. Linn.  
(Doubleday)

# Puzzles, patterns, and pastimes from the world of mathematics

## Charles F. Linn

Learn to juggle Fibonacci numbers and to play  
3-D ticktacktoe. NF

# The unexpected hanging and other mathematical diversions

How to untangle the topological mysteries of knots and how to do geometric dissections are just two of the mathematical puzzles explained by a renowned expert. NF

Weather and health Helmut E. Landsberg

Why do you eat more in the winter than in the summer? Under what kind of atmospheric conditions do you study best? Biometeorology seeks the answers. NF

## TOPICS FOR TODAY

## Drugs Norman W. Houser

Is pot safer than alcohol or tobacco? What are the long-range effects of using LSD? An expert gives you the facts about drug use and abuse. NF

Nagasaki: the forgotten bomb Frank W. Chinnock

The survivors of the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki recall one of the most horrifying events in the history of mankind. NF

# Stronger than hate

# Elizabeth Baker

Sympathetic to the five Negro families who hope to move into Warton, Francie and Brew see how prejudice can bring tragedy to a whole town.

## The third listener; personal electronic espionage John M. Carroll

Via wiretapping, eavesdropping, and visual surveillance devices an electronic snooper can keep tabs on you. NF

For thirteen critical days during the Cuban missile crisis the fate of the world depended on decisions made by President Kennedy and his trusted advisors. NF

**Warriors for the poor**

**William H. Crook**

In crowded urban slums, on Indian reservations, in lonely Appalachian hollows, VISTA Volunteers put their knowledge and experience to work for America's poor.

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**The way it is**

**John Holland, ed.**

With their own photographs and comments, fifteen boys from the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn present the littered streets, crowded apartments, and run-down schools of their neighborhood.

NF

**The whole world is watching; a young man looks at youth's dissent**

**Mark Gerzon**

A Harvard student discusses the forces which affect the opinions and the actions of today's young people.

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**Whose town?**

**Lorenz Graham**

As violence erupts in North Town, David must decide between the ways of a militant Black Power group or the non-violence advocated by his family.

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## **LOOK TO THE FUTURE**

**Careers and opportunities in teaching**

**Jacob I. Biegeleisen**

New educational technology and innovations in curricula are only two aspects of the changes and challenges in today's teaching careers.

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**Guide to the draft**

**Arlo Tatum**

Expert draft counselors give authoritative, up-to-date information about your rights and obligations under the Selective Service System.

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**A job with a future in automotive mechanics**

**J. Robert Connor**

For young men who are mechanically inclined and willing to work, the critical need for good automotive technicians offers unlimited opportunities for advancement.

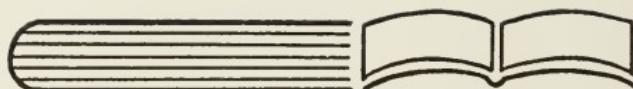
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**Your future in computer programming** Sidney Davis

Do you have the aptitude and ambition to train for a career in this exciting, expanding field?

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